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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU:
COMPREHENSIVE CURBSIDE RECYCLING A STEP CLOSER TO REALITY;
COUNCIL MOVES TO REVERSE MAYOR'S CANCELLATION OF PROGRAM

Tomorrow morning, the Honolulu City Council is expected to enact Bill 72, introduced by Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu), mandating by law that the City and County of Honolulu undertake a comprehensive curbside recycling program by January 1, 2007.

"With curbside recycling, we are taking a step forward for the environment and making a bold move toward resolving Oahu's garbage problems. Curbside recycling is not only the right thing to do, but because of the City's problems with finding a new landfill site, it is absolutely essential. I am excited at finally seeing this worthy, but long delayed project, get underway," stated Councilmember Djou.

Bill 72 passed out of the Public Works Committee this evening and goes to the council floor for enactment into law tomorrow. Djou's bill is expected to be heard for final reading at the 11:00 a.m. special council session on Thursday, February 23, 2006, in the City Council Chambers. Bill 72 will mandate that the City start a comprehensive curbside recycling program no later than January 1, 2007, and reverses the mayor's decision to cancel curbside recycling. The administration has expressed opposition to Bill 72 and may veto Djou's bill.

Councilmember Djou is available for comment in the evening.

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